

## WASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes

These minutes will be agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and might be subject to slight amendment

### The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Washfield Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr's Mrs A Trout (Chair), R Arnold, M Balment, J Boundy, P Crease, J Mock and R Webber.

**In attendance:** District Cllr R Stanley, County Cllr Mrs P Colthorpe and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

**26/09/18. To receive apologies.** There were no apologies.

**27/09/18. Disclosure of interest in items on the Agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**28/09/18. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2018 as an accurate record of the Meeting.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

Cllr Mock joined the meeting.

**29/09/18. Matters arising from the minutes.** The large stones that have been gouged out of the hedge in Long Lane and left in the road are still there despite Highways saying they would be moved by October. There are not as many as when this was first reported.

#### **30/09/18. Planning**

##### **a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received before the meeting.**

**18/01062/Full** Retention of change of use of agricultural land to residential garden And erection of a domestic building.

Comment: Washfield Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**18/01236/Full** Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. Land at NGR 294246 114692 Cotleigh, Washfield.

Councillors decided they needed more information before they could comment on this application. There was concern about the large size of the proposed dwelling and it was felt the drawings were not representative of the setting of the dwelling.

**18/01477/Full** Erection of an agricultural building. Land at NGR 292766 115344 Lower Pitt, Washfield

Comment: Washfield Parish Council recommend refusal. No information has been provided to support the need for such a large agricultural building on a 7 acre small holding. The Council also has concerns about the suitability of the access to the building as this along a shared, narrow road.

**b) To note any decisions on planning applications made by MDDC.**

No decisions received.

**c) Any other planning matters.** An entrance has been created at Emmerford Cross and in the process a drain has been covered up. Cllr Stanley is taking the matter up with the MDDC Planning Department. .

**31/09/18. Highways**

**a) To report on any highways work carried out in the parish and to note any highways work needed.** Roadsides in the parish have cleared with a verge plough, ditches have been cleared and manholes uncovered. Clearing the edges of the roads has widened them.

There is a blocked drain on the road from Washfield Post to Slade Cross which is creating a large puddle that cars are having to drive around to avoid.

An overhanging tree just off the drive into Emmerford Farm is causing problems to lorries.

The three sandbags covering a culvert just beyond Emmerford, heading towards Cove, are still in place and nothing has been done about the subsidence.

**b) Further discussion on the possible refurbishment of fingerposts signs.** The majority of the fingerpost signs are in a reasonable condition and just need cleaning. The ones at Cotleigh and Warren Cross need refurbishing. Cllr Boundy will cost the work required and report back at the next meeting.

**c) Any other highways matters.** No other highways matters.

**31/09/18. Finance: to approve any payments.** It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £78.37 Clerk's salary (Chq no 506)

**32/09/18. County & District Cllr Reports.**

Cllr Mrs Colthorpe's report was circulated by email. She reported that DCC, as an employer, had received a recommendation that it should look out for signs of gambling and encourage other employers to do the same.

Cllr Stanley reported that the entrance to the multi storey car park in Phoenix Lane has been changed and there is someone directing people in the right direction. The partial demolition of the car park will take place soon.

Following the Tiverton Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan Consultation MDDC is submitting a planning application to change the Fore Street entrance to the Pannier Market.

The Three Rivers Group has started work behind the Town Hall. The scheme has won an award for its design.

The AONB proposal for the Exe Valley is going to Cabinet on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The Lidl planning application is on the agenda for the October Planning Committee meeting.

**33/09/18. Updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for the Parish Council.** It was agreed to adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

**34/09/18. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence.** Cllr Mrs Trout reported that Ash Die Back disease in trees in the parish had been discussed at the WI meeting.

DCC recommends not rushing into taking all the Ash trees down as it is a long process for all the trees to become infected.

**35/09/18. Public Questions.** There were no members of the public present.

**36/09/18. Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7.30pm.